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### **Objection to the proposed development – Dough Mountain (Lissinagroagh) Wind Farm**

Applicant - Future Energy Ireland

Case Reference – PA 12.324290

Location: Townlands of Boleyboy, Cashelaveela, Cherrybrook, Killea, Coolodonnell, Faughary, Lissinagroagh, Lisdarush, Lugasnaghta, Raheelin, Shasmore, Tawnyfeacle and Tullyskeherny, Co. Leitrim

As a locally elected member for the past 12 years of the Manorhamilton Municipal District to represent the people of North Leitrim on Leitrim County Council, I must support the overwhelming views of my constituents by objecting to this proposed industrial scale development.

This proposed industrial scale development is in direct conflict with the emerging strategic vision for North Leitrim, Sliabh An Iarann and environs for the development of a EuroParc/National Park

This proposal is following through on an Objective in our County Development Plan and in the Northern and Western Regional Assembly, Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES), with a budget secured to carry out a feasibility study this year with a view of realising their objective. This is to examine the potential for enhanced protection and recognition of our area's natural, built, cultural and landscape heritage.

The proposed Lissinagroagh Wind Farm, comprising of 14 industrial-scale turbines of approximately 185 metres in height, risks undermining the very landscape qualities that form the basis of this initiative. The introduction of such structures would create a permanent alteration to the visual and cultural landscape and materially diminish the integrity, authenticity and future potential of the area as a heritage destination.

The upland landscapes of North Leitrim are not merely areas of land availability for industrial scale infrastructure. They are places with an abundance of archaeological heritage both registered and non-registered, natural heritage, traditional settlement patterns, cultural traditions and community identity.

It is very important that decision-making bodies consider the consistency of this proposal with the wider public policy objectives, including investment in landscape protection, water protection, (ACRES), rural regeneration, cultural tourism and safeguarding of distinctive places.

This proposed industrial development would result in significant and irreversible impacts on the environment and biodiversity of Dough Mountain through habitat loss, fragmentation of upland ecosystems, disturbance of wildlife, alteration of natural drainage patterns and the construction of extensive access roads, turbine foundations and associated infrastructure. In the face of biodiversity and climate crises, must be carefully located to avoid damaging irreplaceable natural assets. The precautionary principle should apply where there is any uncertainty regarding the long-term impacts on habitats, protected species and ecosystems resilience, in the light of the initiative proposed around landscape integrity, heritage value and long-term regional objectives.

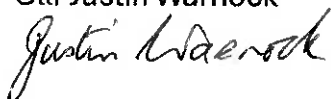
Approval of this industrial development near the Cavan Burren Park could set a precedent whereby landscapes being actively considered in North Leitrim for enhanced protection and recognition are instead permanently altered before their full heritage potential has been assessed. I ask that the Coimisiun considers the potential irreversible effect on the area's future heritage designation potential.

I ask the Coimisiun to consider alternatives and that Future Energy Ireland should be required to demonstrate that alternative locations with lower landscape sensitivity were properly considered, particularly where developments of this scale could have a lesser impact on areas with recognised heritage potential.

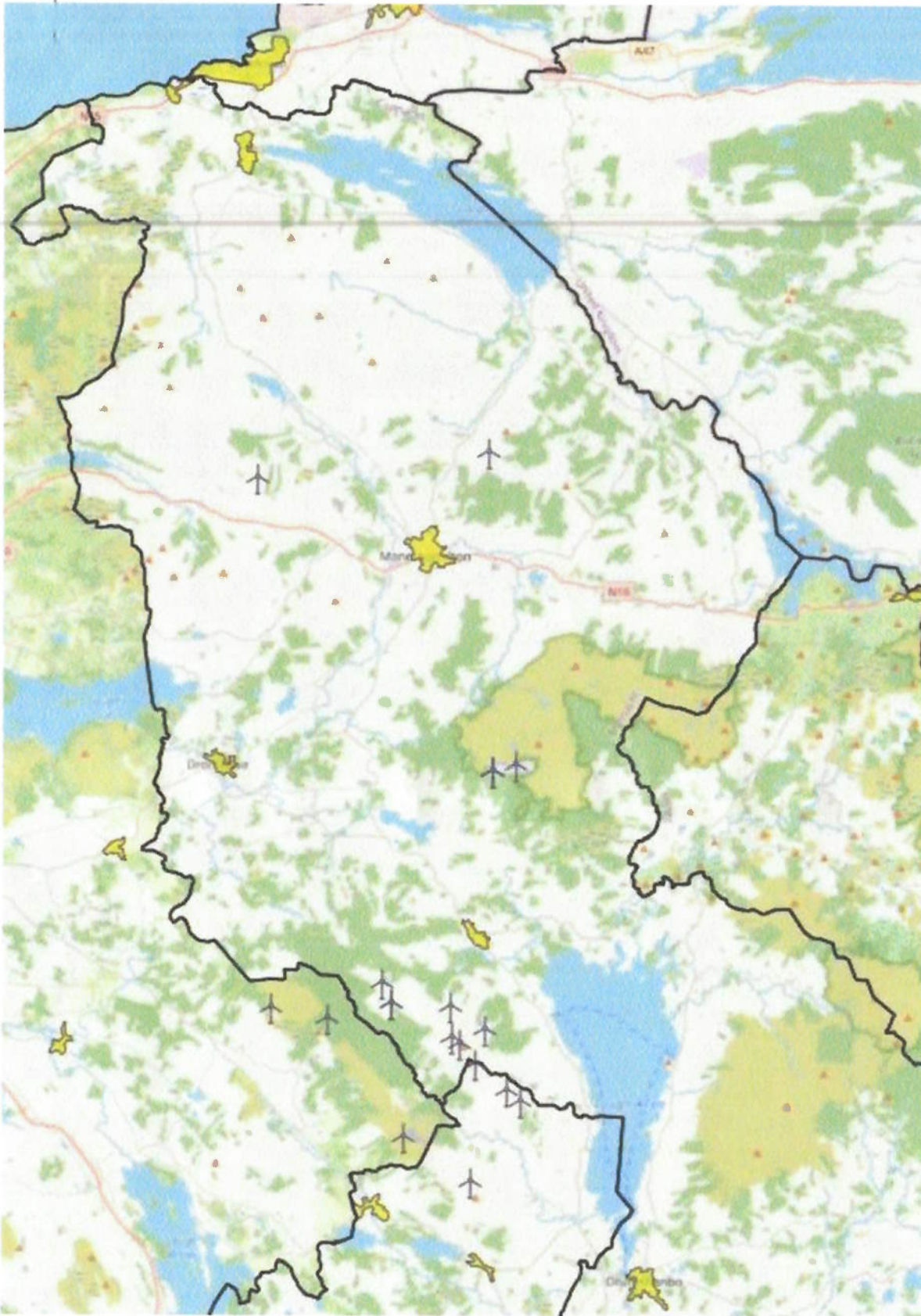
The decision before An Coimisiun Pleanala is not only whether turbines can be accommodated at this location, but whether a once-off opportunity to protect and promote the unique landscape, heritage and cultural identity of North Leitrim is being permanently diminished before that opportunity has been properly assessed.

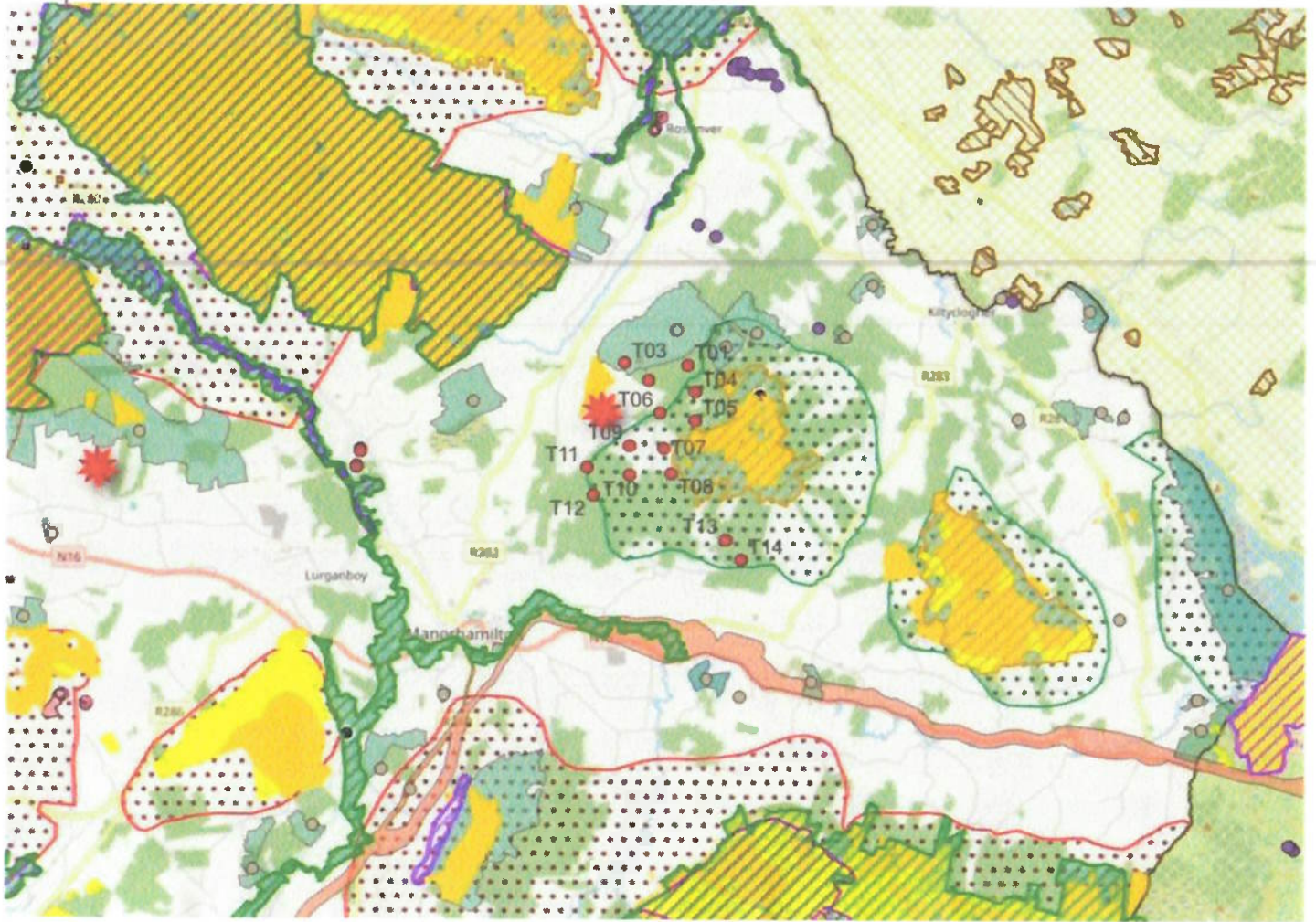
Yours sincerely

Cllr Justin Warnock



Please see attached documents





### Designated Areas

- ☒  SAC Fixed
- ☒  SPA fixed
- ☒  NI SAC
- ☒  NI SPA
- ☒  NHA Fixed
- ☒  pNHA fixed
- ☒  NI ASSI

### Annex I Habitat, Mapped protected Species, Leitrim Wetland Survey Areas, Marsh Fritillary Butter

- ☒  Annex I Habitat
- ☒  Blanket Bog Fixed
- ☒  Dry Heath Fixed
- ☒  Wet Heath Fixed

- ☒  LEWS\_2019 Site Locations
- ☒  LEWS\_2019 Site Boundaries

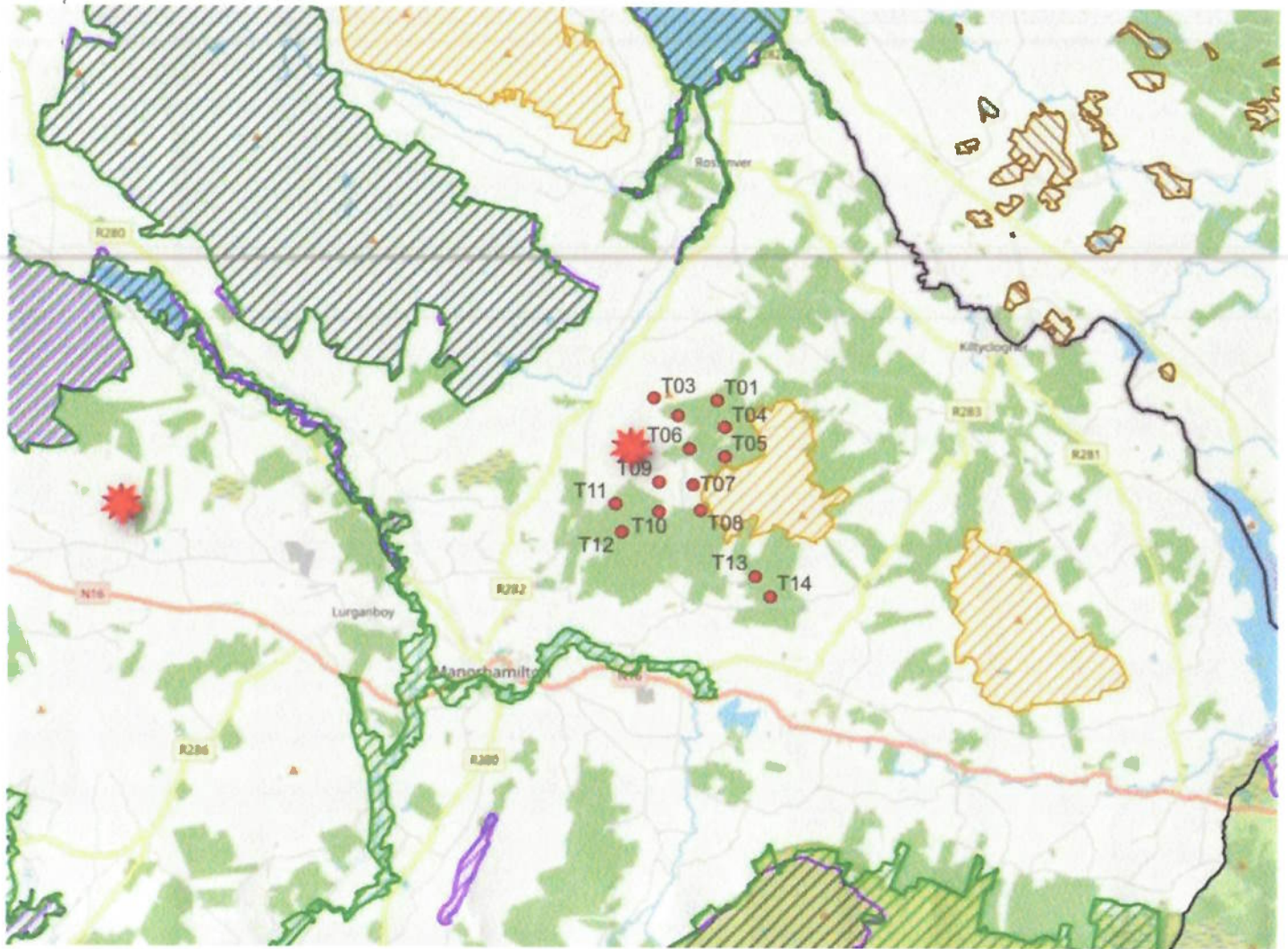
- ☒  MF locations
- ☒  Marsh Frit

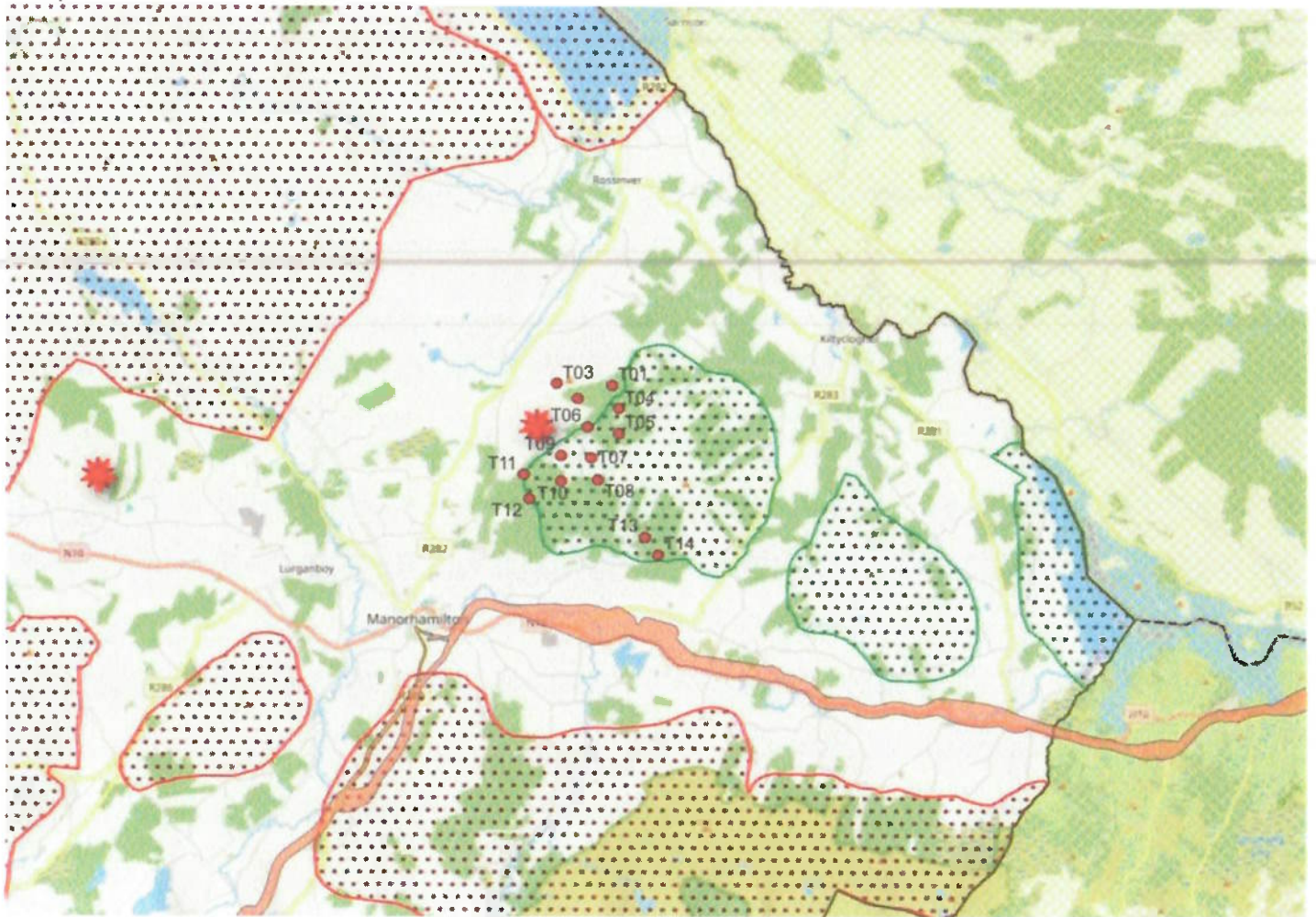
### Landscape Sources; Leitrim CC and Cavan CC

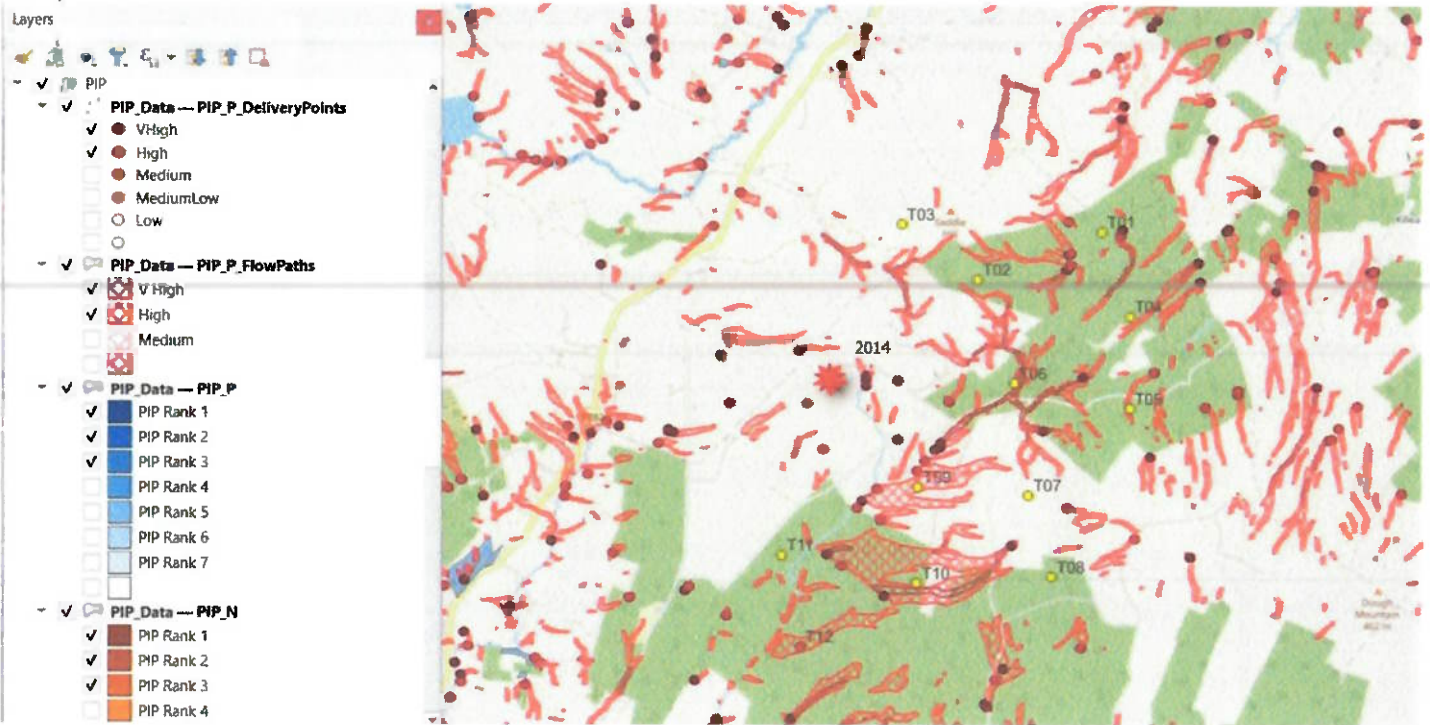
- ☒  Cuilcagh Lakelands Geopark Boundary
- ☒  Proposed\_AHVA
- ☒  LM AONB fixed

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**14. To consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Justin Warnock;**

"I will ask Leitrim County Council if any collaboration has taken place or a proposed meeting with the Northern and Western Regional Assembly (NWRA) regarding a feasibility study for the development of North Leitrim and Sliabh An Iarainn as a EuroParc."

**Report by Housing Department**

"Officials from the Northern & Western Regional Assembly met recently with officials from the Planning Office and the Tourist Officer. Both organisations have included provision within their budgets to appoint consultants to undertake a feasibility study this year with a view to realising the objective contained in the Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy (RSES) and our County Development Plan 2023-2029. The brief for the appointment of consultants is being worked on collaboratively at present and it is expected to be distributed to appropriate consultants for tender in the coming weeks."

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- TOUR OBJ 3** To investigate the feasibility and potential of North Leitrim, Sliabh an Iarainn and its hinterland as a National Park/Recreational Area designation in conjunction with the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) and other relevant stakeholders.
- TOUR OBJ 4** To utilise the county's natural and heritage resources to foster the development of tourism as a viable sustainable sector of the economy, in a sustainable manner, which complements the scale, quality and unique features of the county.
- TOUR OBJ 5** The Council, within the lifetime of this Draft Plan, aim to identify, preserve and enhance existing accesses and public rights of way to recreational areas including the coast, upland areas, lakeshores, river-bank areas and heritage sites.
- TOUR OBJ 6** To work with all relevant stakeholders to support the implementation of the Shannon Tourism Masterplan and promote the 'Wild Atlantic Way' and 'Ireland's Hidden Heartlands'.
- TOUR OBJ 7** To explore in conjunction with Waterways Ireland the extension of the navigation channel from Lough Allen to Dowra as part of an overall strategy for the further development of water-based leisure activities on Lough Allen. This will include the improvement of existing infrastructure at both Spencer Harbour and Cleighran More in the short term. The extension of the navigation channel will be subject to the undertaking of the required environmental assessments at planning consent stage.
- TOUR OBJ 8** To explore options to enhance the existing access to O'Donnell's Rock (Protected View and Prospect 17) and to create a designated viewing area at this location, subject to the availability of funding and the undertaking of the required environmental assessments as part of the planning consent process. The options to be explored include the potential of establishing a public right of way from the L-62031-2 at Larkfield to O'Donnell's Rock along an existing track at this location. This would connect to the existing Greenway developed from Manorhamilton to Boggaun as part of the proposed SLNCR Greenway.
- (Note: From O'Donnell's Rock, there are fabulous extensive views of the surrounding hills and valleys as far as Lough Gill, Knocknarea in Sligo and the Atlantic Ocean. Access to O'Donnell's Rock presently consists of a poorly surfaced roadway (which does not seem to be a public road) advertised as an off road bike trail and which route is also quite circuitous for walkers and cyclists approaching from the Manorhamilton direction. The Council wishes to enhance the enjoyment of this protected view and prospect.
- TOUR OBJ 9** In the absence of a national programme which would identify and bestow Heritage Town/Village designations, the Council will, during the life of the Plan, undertake an evaluation/assessment exercise which would consider the heritage strengths (built, natural and cultural elements) of individual centres. When complete, this would inform the promotion and marketing of such centres but also ensuring that appropriate centres are nominated for funding programmes which may arise.

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